Gotco for setting up of a 6 MMTPA refinery in Orissa in the private sector.

Insurance cover for L.P.G. consumers

341. MISS SAROJ KHAPARDE: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have finalised a scheme to provide insurance cover to all the families using L.P.G. on a "no fault" Liability basis; and

(b) if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI B. SHANKARANAND): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

Supply of LPG through pipeline

342. SHRI JOHN. F. FERNANDES: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that some production companies in Bombay are intending to supply LPG to consumers in the Metropolitan through pipeline;

(b) if so, what are the details of this scheme and the areas likely to be covered thereby; and

(c) whether Govt. also propose to extend this scheme to other cities and if so, by when?

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI B. SHANKARANAND): (a) There is no proposal to supply LPG through pipelines to any metropolitan town.

(b) and (c) Do not arise.

Plans to reduce imports of oil and Petroleum Products

343. SHRI V. NARAYANASAMY: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the oil import bill for the current financial year is likely to be of the order of 5.8 billion dollars;

(b) whether Government have any plans to reduce imports of oil and petroleum products by increasing indigenous production of crude oil; and

(c) if so, what are the salient features thereof?

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI. B. SHANKARANAND): (a) The oil import bill would depend upon the prices prevailing in the international market and also the quantities of the crude and products to be imported.

(b) and (c) Efforts are being made to increase the refining capacity by taking up expansion of existing refineries and by setting up of new grass root refineries. Besides taking up a number of oil field development projects, Government have also permitted private investment in oil and gas field development programme to increase the indigenous production of crude oil.

Reducing Consumption of Petrol and Petroleum Products

344. SHRI SHIV PRATAP MISHRA: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have taken any steps for reducing the consumption of petrol and petroleum products so as to save foreign exchange involved in their imports; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI B. SHANKARANAND): (a) and (b) The

measures include adoption of practices for increasing fuel-efficiency in the transport sector; upgradation of lubricants, replacement of inefficient boilers and furnaces, promotion of fuel-efficient equipment and practices in the industrial sector; rectification of pump sets in the agriculture sector; development and promotion of fuel efficient kerosene and LPG stoves in the domestic sector; and launching multi-media awareness campaigns and imparting of education and training to the various target groups of oil users.

Production and requirement of L.P.G. in the country

345. *SHRI SHIV PRATAP MISHRA:* Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) the total requirement of L.P.G. in terms to tonnage as against the production at present;

(b) the details of Government schemes to increase the production of L.P.G by expanding the capacity of existing refineries and through natural gas separately;

(c) whether it is a fact that there are lakhs of people on waiting lists at present; and

(d) if so, the steps proposed to be taken by Government to cover all the applications which are pending for the last three years?

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI B. SHANKARANAND): (a) and (b) During 1992-93, it is proposed to meet an estimated LPG demand of 2900 MTs against the indigenous production of about 2550 MTs. According to the present schemes, the production from refineries (existing and new) is expected to increase from 1210 MT in 1992-93 to 1518 MT n 1996-97, and from fractionators (existing and new) from 1340 MTs in 1992-93 to 2300 MTs in 1996-97.

(c) Yes, Sir

(d) Efforts are constantly on to give LPG connections to as many applicants as early as possible.

Schemes for production of Oil and Natural Gas during the current Five Year Plan

346. SHRI SHIV PRATAP MISHRA: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have finalised any schemes for stepping up of the productions of oill and natural gas during the current five year plan period; and

(b) if so, the details regarding the specified areas and the amount earmarked for augmenting production of oil and natural gas in the current five year plan period?

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI B. SHANKARANAND): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir A number of oil and gas field development projects such as Neelam, Ravva Phase-I, Panna, Gandhar, R-15A enhanced oil recovery from I-II and I-III reservoirs of Bombay High field, etc are being implemented by ONGC at an estimated capital cost of about Rs. 13,665 crores. Likewise, Oil India Limited are also trying to enhance crude output with a tentative approved outlay of about Rs. 829.20 crores.

Government have also offered certain discovered oilfields for development by private companies in joint venture with ONGC/OIL or under production sharing arrangements.

Import of crude oil

347. SHRI KRISHNA KUMAR BIRLA: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have recently decided to import crude oil during the current year to meet the increasing demand for petroleum, products;

(b) if so, the quantum of petroleum products to be imported and under what terms and conditions;